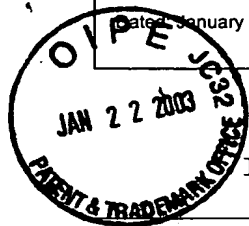


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In re Patent Application of:
Ryuji Ishiguro, et al.

Application No.: 09/980,952

Group Art Unit: 2131

Filed: December 3, 2001

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM
AND METHOD

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application,
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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the original abstract and insert the new
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

N.E. Please accept the attached substitute specification under 37
C.F.R. § 1.125 and MPEP § 608.01(q). Submitted herewith is a
marked-up copy of the original specification which shows the
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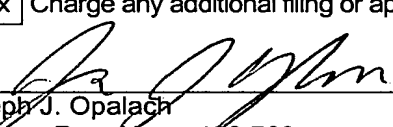
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